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FIXING THE BLAME

J. T. Welch Roasts Some of the Fish Commission

HE'S AFTER "ED" ROSENBERG

Mr. Welch Appears Before Chamber of Commerce and Defends His Position and Avers That Astoria Fishermen Will Have to Get Busy.

The following address was read by J. T. Welch at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night:

As there has been some comment about me regarding the referendum legislation, which would try to put me in the light of defeating our ends of the law, I would like to make a few statements, and put the blame if there is any, in the right place. The reason I predicted that both fish bills would pass, and legislation to close both ends of the river would prevail, was because I could plainly see, that the main push, who was introduced by the mayor at the mass meeting, as "The Dewey of the fish legislation," was only a poor substitute for a ervera, and since the defeat we have sustained by his mismanagement, and his lack of ingenuity, to comprehend even the present situation I pen these few lines.

It was plainly visible that the committee known as the "Salmon Protective Association," which was to do everything, was very badly chosen as the president, although a good man, did not have his heart in the work, and the rest of the committee, outside of the Astorians, were simply a bluff, as there was no time, when they were in evidence, even at the big mass meeting, when Dewey was the hero of the hour. He will not know until he learns from this that we are more in jeopardy now than ever, as since we got our knockout he has quit the fight, and the fight has just began. Seufert will at the next election, try to pass a measure to reverse the legislation for his end of the river. So I think if the people of the lower river, think enough of the fishing privileges they will take the matter in their own hands, and leave out all imported stock, as we have men in Astoria who can do better than any outsider. For we have got to get to work, and work constantly, until the next election, if we would gain a victory which any fisherman of average intelligence could guarantee a small campaign cost than the small and insignificant campaign that was put up at the last election.

But you must remember that the enemy are awake, and at work, and at the last moment they will slip a measure on file, when it is too late for us to do anything but combat their measure, at a disadvantage. This measure will be popular with our enemies, and will spell our utter defeat if we allow it to be initiated and referred without a vigorous protest.
 J. T. WELCH.

CRIME AND HYPOCRISY.
Taught Sunday School But Kept on counterfeiting.

CHICAGO, July 28—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Fayetteville, Ark., says:
 Dr. L. W. Blanchard, a leader in social, political and religious affairs in this community for 15 years, and J. C. Wilcoxson, were bound over to the federal grand jury yesterday on a charge of counterfeiting.
 At the hearing before United States Commissioner N. B. Williams, Wilcoxson turned state's evidence and testified that Dr. Blanchard, although the superintendent of a large Sunday school, had been a counterfeiter for

15 years. Wilcoxson says he became associated with Dr. Blanchard in making spurious money about five months ago, but never knowingly passed any of it.

The men were arrested at Huntsville. Secret service men say that the counterfeiting plant is at Hilltop in Boone county, equipped to turn out dimes, quarters, halves and dollars.

STUDENTS MAY TIPPLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28—A liquor license has been issued to an innkeeper at Mayfield, the town near Stanford University, despite the fact that the town has been "dry" for four years. The university officials are determined that the institution itself shall continue to place liquor under the ban, but to officials of the neighboring towns refused to enter the campaign and have granted the right to retail alcoholic beverages with meats.

WILL WELCOME FLEET.

TOKIO, July 28—It is announced semi-officially that the first squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Baron Ijuin, has been selected to represent the Japanese navy in officially welcoming the United States battleship fleet, which arrives at Yokohama on October 17.

LIKE STANDARD OIL.

TOKIO, July 28—The Takarada Oil Company continues its process of absorbing all its rivals. Some time ago news was published that it had purchased the Namboku and Fuji companies for a sum of 1,650,000 yen and rumor says that it has now effected the purchase of the Bokuyetsu company for 260,000 yen, of the Yamato for 100,000 yen and of the Miitsu for 75,000 yen.

JAPANESE ARE WORRIED.

Protest Against Action Of American Railways.

TOKIO, July 9—A feeling of less apprehension seems to be growing in Japan with regard to the ultimate action of the five American railway companies which threatened to raise their fares on goods carried eastward from the Eastern Coast. If the proposed schedule be adopted a crushing blow will be given to the trade in Japan's miscellaneous manufactures which now occupy a highly important place in her export trade. A combined protest having been made by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Mitsui Company, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the Morimura Guild, it is thought probable that the directors of the five railway companies will reconsider their decision.

REVOLUTION IS ON.

MEXICO CITY, July 28.—Dr. Alberto, member of the cabinet of President Bonilla, while the latter was president of Honduras, declares that the revolution in that republic is not at an end as reported. He declares that Bonilla had nothing to do with the uprising, which is a popular one and will continue until the Davila government is thrown over. In his opinion intervention will only be a check to the movement. He declares that reports that President Canerea is involved in the insurrection are without foundation.

CONFESSES OLD CRIME.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—Mrs. Ellen Boehm, wife of Herman Boehm, says her husband has confessed to her that he and John Brown now in jail, killed Jos. Buttgenbach in March, 1904. The police believe that with this confession they have at last found a light on the mysterious murders which took place at about the same time as the killing of Buttgenbach. Mrs. Boehm says that her husband confessed to several of these crimes.

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EL PASO ROBBERY.

New York Man Loses Diamonds and Cash.

CHICAGO, July 28.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from El Paso, says: In a hold-up late last night Samuel Royen of New York was robbed of \$1175-worth of diamonds, a \$208 unendorsed check and \$13.50. W. A. Nall, who was with Royen and who said he lost \$560 has been arrested as a suspect in league with the hold-up men.

SAVES HIS COMPANION.

Indian Law Student Loses His Own Life, However.

CHICAGO, July 28.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Valparaiso, Ind., says: A. S. Reesor, aged 22 of Bandana, Ky., a Valparaiso University law student gave up his life last night for Miss May Bradbury, also a student. They were walking on the Pennsylvania railroad track. A west bound train came along and held their attention so that they did not notice the east bound limited which was coming from the opposite direction until it was upon them. Reesor was able to assist his companion from the track. In doing so he was struck by the locomotive and thrown thirty feet. He died as he was being carried to a hospital. The shock rendered Miss Bradbury unconscious and up to a late hour she had not regained consciousness.

MARRIED IN JAIL.

Love Sick Girl Disobeys Parents To Wed.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., July 28—A marriage at the county jail occurred under unusual circumstances last night when professor Han. Albert a musician formerly of Omaha, and Miss Grace Hadsell of Ottumwa, Iowa, daughter of the U. S. Marshall at that place, were declared man and wife by Rev. Inman, a Methodist minister of Goldfield, Colo. Albert's arrest was caused Saturday by the girl's father to prevent the marriage, the charge being insanity. Last night Miss Hadsell and the minister visited

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the jail and asked to visit her lover. The request was refused. A box was placed outside Albert's cell window. Miss Hadsell mounted and clasping her lover's hand through the window, was made his wife.

JUST MISSED WHALE.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The Atlantic transport liner Minneapolis, which got in yesterday, came near having an fight with a whale when three days out. She caught a 50-foot whale unawares and nearly ran it down. By quick work the vessel turned aside and just grazed the sides with the whole. The skipper explained that it was all the result of a misunderstanding of signals. He said he blew the whistle and the whale blew once.

HAS IMPOSING FUNERAL.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 28.—The funeral of Fernando Guachalla, the president-elect of Bolivia and former minister to the United States, who died suddenly July 24, was held here yesterday. Thousands of persons attended the ceremony which was an imposing spectacle. Members of the diplomatic corps carried the coffin.

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